

**EMT-1 REGULATORY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2002
Host Airport Hotel
Sacramento, CA**

I. Introductions

A. Self-introductions were made.

MEMBERS PRESENT	EMSA STAFF PRESENT	ALTERNATES PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	ALTERNATES ABSENT
Ray Casillas Elaine Dethlefsen Bruce Haynes Pat Kramm Tom McGinnis Debbie Meier Debi Moffat Dan Paxton John Tysell	Sean Trask	Jean English Bruce Kenagy	Nancy Casazza Bob Cordray Donna Ferracone Byron Parsons John Pritting Marco Randazzo Bob Repar Susan Smith Veronica Shepardson	David Nevins Debbie Notturmo Jeff Page Karen Petrilla
Luann Underwood Todd Wilhoyte Kevin White		Guests Fred Claridge		

II. Minutes

Approved as written.

III. Agenda

Approved as written.

The April EMT-I Task Force Meeting Agenda will be focused on presentations of testing services over two days so unfinished items will be carried over to the May EMT-I Task Force Meeting.

IV. Informational Update

A. The Task Force was updated on the following items:

1. EMT-II regulations are open for 90-day pre-public comment. The EMT-I and paramedic Task Forces as well as the Education and Personnel Committee of the Vision Project has been mailed a notice of the pre-public comment period. The pre-public comment period closes on May 20, 2002. The Interim Director of the EMS Authority has stated that the EMT-I Task Force and the Director's Advisory Group should take a role in the EMT-II regulation revision. The idea of having the Personnel and Education Committee of the Vision Project taking a role in the EMT-II regulation revision was discussed because the Personnel and Education Committee has a rural education objective and the EMT-II regulations would help to meet that objective.
2. The Layperson AED Regulations were submitted to the EMS Commission at the February 27, 2002 meeting and with some minor corrections are approved to go out for 15-day public comment.
3. The Department of General Services is looking closely at meeting room arrangements, which may impact, were the EMT-I Task Force holds meetings. Sean will know more later and will keep the EMT-I Task Force members posted.

V. Old Business

A. EMT-I Certification Examination:

1. The EMS Authority has reserved a block of rooms at the Westin Horton Plaza Hotel in San Diego. The EMS Authority was able to reserve the rooms at the government rate of \$84 per night. The Task Force Members were advised to make their reservations early while rooms are available.
2. There are four organizations scheduled to present their testing services to the EMT-I Task Force at the April EMT-I Task Force Meeting, those organizations are: Cooperative Personnel Services, The Chauncey Group, The National Registry, and Prometrics. The schedule for Wednesday, April 3rd is 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Cooperative Personnel Services; 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM is The Chauncey Group. Thursday April 4th is 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, National Registry, and from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, Prometrics.
3. Luanne Underwood presented scoring sheets for the Task Force Members present to review. The score sheets covered the key issues that were brought up at earlier meetings. The Task Force members provided input to the scoring forms and that definitions are developed so the Task Force members have background on the key issues. Sean will e-mail Luanne definitions that are discussed at this Task Force meeting to assist with the scoring. The Task Force needs to finalize the scoring sheet then forward a copy to the presenters so they know how they are being scored. The members present agreed that if a presenter did not cover an item on the score sheet or not, the Task Force could ask for clarification.
4. The Task Force members then discussed the issue of reimbursement and of the members present, agreed to give priority to the members that are not being reimbursed by the group they are representing. One member of a constituent group will be reimbursement, in the case of the primary and alternate attending. Then it will be first come first served. Members that are not reimbursed are: John Tysell, MD, Pat Kramm, Jean English, Debbie Meier, John Pritting, Veronica Shepardson, Susan Smith.

B. Committee Report: EMT Approving Authority

1. Section 100070 – A motion was made by Bruce Haynes, MD to delete this entire section and bring back to the May Task Force Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote of members present. Kevin White recommended that the Task Force members visit the EMS Authority's web page and consider the paramedic staff requirements.
2. The Task Force broke for lunch.

C. EMT-I Scope of Practice

1. The topic of pulse oximetry was discussed and per Elaine pulse oximetry is contained in the EMT-I literature as an assessment tool and not a treatment modality. Use of pulse oximetry would be at the discretion of the local EMS system's medical director. Pulse oximetry is more common in the eastern states.
2. Blood glucose testing – This topic was discussed by the Task Force members present. Bruce Haynes, MD reviewed the DOT National Standard EMT-Basic Curriculum and blood glucose testing is not contained in the curriculum. Other things that were not in the DOT Curriculum, which are in the current regulations as locally approved EMT-I scope of practice were: foley catheters, nasogastric tubes, tracheostomies, combitubes. Activated charcoal and epi-pens are contained in the DOT curriculum. Another topic that is contained in the DOT curriculum is assisting patients with certain physician prescribed medications such as nitroglycerin, inhalers and epi-pens. An EMT-I assisting a patient with their prescribed medications is not clearly defined. Bruce Haynes will check with EMDAC to get their opinion on a number of items such as: blood glucose checks and assisting the patient with their prescribed medications.
3. There was a discussion regarding optional skills for EMT-Is. Instead of revising the EMT-II regulations, some members of the Task Force suggested that the EMT-I optional scope of practice should be open to any medication or skill(s) that the medical director of the local

EMS agency feels would best meet the needs of the community. Kevin White stated that he would send out draft language to begin the discussion on this topic.

4. The Task Force discussed Section 100063 and the members present agreed to the following:
 - a. Subsection (a)(2) – reworded to read, “Render basic life support, rescue and ~~first aid~~ emergency medical care to patients.”
 - b. Subsection (a)(3) – reworded to read, “Obtain diagnostic signs to include but not limited to assessment of temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, level of consciousness, and pupil status.”
 - c. Subsection (a)(13) – delete this subsection entirely.
 - d. Subsection (b) – Tom McGinnis wanted to discuss this section with Bonnie Sinz to get the Interfacility Task Force’s input before discussing the topic here.

VI. New Business

1. There were no topics discussed under new business.

VI. Discussion:

- A. Next meeting will be April 3 and 4, 2002 from 09:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Horton Plaza Westin Hotel in San Diego.
- B. At the next Task Force Meeting, the entire meeting will be devoted to hearing presentations from testing organizations. Other topics will be continued at the May Task Force Meeting

Recorder: Elaine Dethlefsen